

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All correspondents who write for this paper are requested to report the news briefly and confine themselves to news. Puffs for merchants come under the head of paid locals, and would be inserted at the rate of 5 cents per line, otherwise we must pencil them.

Be careful not to write anything that will prove offensive to any one; a good joke is appreciated by all, but we want to make friends and not enemies of all with whom we come in contact.

Please read these notes and bear them in mind, and write on one side of the paper only.

Respectfully,

THE EDITOR.

Grays.

Editor MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE:

DEAR SIR:—Your paper is as fine a one as Barbourville ever possessed to my knowledge, and I want to thank you for the Home Circle column. It interests me very much. I am fond of anything relating to home life. I would that all girls could read your talk on how to make mothers happy.

I have no mother. She died when I was only 10 years old, but well do I remember that I would get in a chair by the table and help her wash the dishes and she would smile at me as only a mother can, and I would find myself fully paid for what little time I spent in helping her.

Some girls never think of helping mother at all. Just want to "dress up" and "sit back" while mother does it all, and strangest of all, she never complains.

A mother is the best earthly friend we can ever possess, and I beg of you, my dear girls, leave all and help her while you may, for soon she is gone where you can never be of service to her any more. So while you have her by your side, do as much for her as you can and mother never forgets your kindness, and the Father who gave her the patience, never forgets you either.

I sometimes feel very lonesome without my mother. When I see other girls and their mothers together and watch her tender care for them I really cannot suppress a tear, but God does for all the best and we must take a philosophical view of such things, for we are all creatures of circumstances and have to "Take goods the gods provide," bitter or sweet as they may be.

I am a mountain lass and proud of it, too, yet our people could be improved in many ways, yet we are loyal to ourselves, our country and our God as any people on earth. Verily, no better people can be found anywhere than are found in these mountains. What is greater than to be a mountaineer? Thank God for the mountains of Kentucky where I was born, and where all nature is such a bliss.

A PLEASANT FACE.

Of course we cannot all be handsome, and it's difficult for all to be good; it's impossible for all to be happy. In fact we don't live as we should.

Patience is a hard thing to keep. To always be cheerful is harder still. But seems to me we might be pleasant if we make up our minds we will.

It even pays to act kindly. Even though we feel tired and blue; if you laugh at the world and look pleasant, the world generally smiles back at you.

Try always to be pleasant, no matter if in country or town; good humor is always catching. While we chose our friends with a frown.

It is a pleasant duty ever sweet as life leads us from place to place. To leave behind us everywhere the memory of a pleasant face.

—EDITH DIZNEY.

Bailey's Switch.

We are having very fine weather at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Black, of Crane's Nest, visited relatives in Barbourville Saturday.

Mr. Nathan Parker, of Knox Fork, was in Barbourville Saturday and came back smiling. I believe that Mr. Parker heard some good news

while in town.

W. A. Donaldson, of Knox Fork, was in Barbourville Saturday on business.

Mrs. Kate Taylor, of Ferndale, visited Mrs. Nannie Taylor here last week.

Miss Mary E. Broughton returned to Pineville last Sunday, after a week's visit here.

Mr. Dan Grace is having his house treated to a coat of paint this week.

Born, to the wife of Thomas Diney. Wednesday, a fine girl.

Jimmy Cooper, who lives on Indian creek, and is 63 years old, went to Chenoa, Bell county, last week, said that was the first time he was ever on a passenger train.

Fayette Diney visited friends at Grays Saturday.

The following persons were guests of Mr. E. Hutchins Sunday: Mrs. Kate Taylor, of Ferndale; Miss Mary E. Broughton, of Pineville; Miss Fannie Noe, of Barbourville; Mrs. Nannie and Miss Mary Taylor, of this place. They all report a very pleasant time.

Harve Donaldson, of Jarvis' Store, was in Barbourville Monday on business. W. S. TAYLOR.

Knox Fork.

There was prayer meeting at this place Sunday and a good crowd was in attendance.

John Helton, Sr., and Miss Margaret Helton, of this, were quietly married Wednesday of last week.

Miss Rebecca Price, who has been attending school at London for the past five months, returned home last Sunday.

Miss Rose Donaldson was the guest of Mrs. Willie McDonald Sunday.

Bruce Humfleet, who has been attending school at London, returned home Saturday.

Joseph Wells and wife were visiting sick folks at Mrs. Barbara Wyatt's Sunday.

James Wilson, of Corbin, passed through here Sunday.

J. J. Price was on Goose Saturday on business. He takes the lead in the photograph business. R. E. D.

Hammond.

The farmers are about through planting corn, and several are working theirs over.

One of our preachers killed several squirrels a few Sundays ago.

George Hammons, of Girdler, is all the go up here for County Assessor. We people here will roll him up a handsome majority, and we would not miss it far, if we would get the vote unanimously.

J. E. Hammons has commenced to haul his lumber out.

Hubbard & Hammons have dissolved partnership, and Hammons is moving his part of the goods to the Jeff Hammons' stand.

Have we any County Judge or just a drummer? If we have, we would like for him to do something for us. Our roads are terrible up here on Stinking creek.

E. G. Saulsbury is having his stave mill run in headway at the Milt Jackson place, cutting headings.

Rev. G. W. Smith and Everett Tiller, of Barbourville, were up here a few days ago on land business, and in crossing a big mountain where some tanbark had been peeled, they looked ahead of them in a hollow and saw a large black bear sitting on a log. Everett Tiller picked up two rocks that would probably weigh about five pounds apiece, and surrounded the bear to drive him down to the mouth of the hollow, where the preacher could shoot him. But lo! and behold, to the gentlemen's surprise, when Mr. Tiller got in above the bear ready to throw the rocks, he discovered that it was a knot on a tanbark tree that had not been peeled off. I guess the black knot on a white log looked scary to the boys. Mr. Editor, tell the boys to put their specs on.

Dr. Tip Jones, our committeeman of this precinct, and Thomas Hubbard, Joseph Hammons, Milt Jackson, Noah Smith, Wade Smith, Nabe Messer, Grant Hammons and a host of others went to Barbourville last Monday (the 23d) County Court

day with a petition to rebut one that was gotten up by some Flat Lick people to cut off part of our votes and throw them to Flat Lick, and they did oppose it. But the boys said the judge would not act in open court, but promised he would not cut the votes off. They also filed a petition with 115 signers, legal qualified voters of the precinct, asking the judge to cut two precincts out of Upper Stinking, as they could vote out up here, naming the places where the polls should be; and there was no petition opposing it. He said he would act on it next court. The judge is afraid if he cuts our precinct in time to vote up here in the primary election that they will all vote out, and he is afraid if they all vote out the largest number will be against him. His excuse for not acting on the petition, so the boys said, was that he wanted to see two or three of the boys in the lower end—see if it suited them to put the precinct where the petition with 115 signers said for it to go. He also named one of the parties he wanted to see. We people up here supposed he aimed to turn us 115 down to suit two or three other parties. Hurrah! Judge, you can pass on our petition next court, and we will pass on yours on the 12th day of Nov. Some of our boys have to ride twelve to fourteen miles up here to vote, but on the 12th day of November they will make the trip.

STRAIGHT RIDER.

Crane's Nest.

Lots of rain; farmers are smiling, you know.

Saturday was Mt. Ararat meeting. Rev. H. B. Helton was elected pastor.

A large crowd attended church last Sunday, which was conducted by Revs. H. B. Helton and Jones.

Misses Ellen and Nancy Saylor entertained quite a number of young folks Saturday night, and among them were Misses Josie Sizemore, Emma Branson, and Sarah Smith; Messrs. J. G. Helton, Frank Black, John H. Taylor and John Smith. They all report a most delightful time.

Messrs. Farmer and James Helton are visiting Rev. H. B. Helton and family this week.

Little Cordie Helton was the guest of Myrtle Gilbert Saturday evening.

Misses Ludie and Martha Helton were guests of Sarah and Laura Smith Sunday.

Born, to the wife of H. B. Helton, a bouncing boy. Of course he is a Republican, you know.

Your correspondent entertained a number of folks Sunday afternoon.

F. D. Sampson is in the lead here for County Judge. Hurrah! for him. ROSE BUD.

Jarvis Store.

Sunday-school at Callahan school-house near this place each Sunday afternoon. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Noah Rogers passed through here Tuesday en route to Barbourville on important business—fishing.

Can anyone tell why Fayette Diney and Henry Lawson are looking so sad this week?

Miss Mattie Jarvis was a pleasant caller at the home of Mrs. W. F. Dozier Sunday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Willis spent the early part of the week with relatives near this place.

John Taylor and wife spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Thos. Diney.

The home of Thomas Diney is blessed with a fine girl baby.

S. R. Lawson, William and Tom Bullock have stopped farming and gone to killing rats. They killed twenty-three in one day.

William and Alvis Gibson passed through wheel-riding Sunday. JUMBO.

Pleasant Ridge.

We are having some nice refreshing rains here this week.

J. T. Stamper, our next County Judge, is holding a series of meetings at Coalport this week.

James Hopper and wife, of Poplar creek, visited relatives near here Sat-

urday and Sunday.

Church was held at this place Sunday, and was well attended.

Steve Golden and wife were guests of Margaret Smith, Sunday.

Oscar Vermillion, of Barbourville, visited friends near here Saturday.

Chester Randall and Steve Golden, while out hunting Monday, their dogs ran across three wild hogs, and succeeded in killing two and capturing one alive. (Ground hogs, I mean.)

May the MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE prosper. JOHNNY JUMP-UP.

Brush Creek.

We are having plenty of rain this week.

Miss Rachael Detherage, of this place, has been very ill for the past few days.

Jim Fuson was shot and instantly killed by his son last Thursday on Greasy creek.

Mrs. Mary Bray, of Coalport, died last Tuesday and was buried at the Tinsley graveyard. Funeral services first Sunday in July.

N. R. Cassady and wife have gone to housekeeping.

Jim West and family took a pleasure walk to the head of Brush creek Sunday.

Miss Elitra Densmore, who has been staying in Barbourville, has come home to see her brother, who is very low with fever. B. L.

Bryant's Store.

MR. EDITOR:—I have been reading your valuable paper and have noticed what F. D. Sampson has been saying about the State Board of Equalization and the raise it has made of our Knox county property. I do not think that it is right for a lot of men at Frankfort who do not know anything about our property to make such an unreasonable raise in our tax. For one, I am against it, and I have heard a lot of our people on the south side of the river say the same. It seems that F. D. Sampson's plan to get this raise taken off is a good one, and I am heartily in favor of it, and will help to pay the expenses of some good man from this district, and I believe many of our good citizens are willing to do the same.

People to whom I have talked have all praised Mr. Sampson for the strong stand he has taken for the tax payers of the county, and it seems that all are willing to help push the good work along.

I will thank you if you will give me room in your paper for this letter.

With best wishes for you and the successful outcome of this plan which has been put on foot through the medium of your very valuable paper, I am yours very truly,

A TAX PAYER.

Holden, Ky.

MY MOUNTAIN HOME.

My mountain home I dearly love, From whence I'll never roam; My heart's ever yearning to live in thee, My own dear mountain home.

The birds sing sweetly on the bough, From every glen and nook, While sparkling waters gently flow Along the winding brook.

No gold that's in the Klondike vale, Nor pearls that's in the sea, Can ever break the charm thou hast Nor steal my heart from me.

—GEORGE HIGGINS.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills, of Flat Lick, were guests of Mrs. Mills' sister, Mrs. W. H. McDonald, Thursday.

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